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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 20 and 21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 20 and 21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 20 – 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,091,808 (Wood et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,870,828 (Giordano) or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Wood et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,870,828 (Giordano, III).

With respect to claims 20 and 21, Wood et al teach a number searching system comprising: a phone (10); a telephone number database (42); a web server (34); an information terminal 12 (see Col. 3, lines 49 - 55) which displays a search for telephone number (see Fig. 3, element 68) and a telephone plug-in which automatically dials the displayed number (Compare page 6, lines 6 - 13 of the present application with Col. 6, line 56 - Col. 7, line 5 of Wood et al.). Note the telephone is connected to a second telephone line 14 of Fig 1. Note that both the telephone 10 and the information terminal 12 are both operable by a user. With respect to the connection of the plug-in to a web browser, second telephone line and the telephone see Fig 1. Therefore, Wood et al. teaches the claimed limitations except for the plug-in dialing the selected number independent of the web server.

The examiner notes Wood et al teach (col. 6, line 56 - col.7, line 9) that:

"On clicking the DIAL button 75 [Fig. 3], the web page manager 36 communicates a message, containing ... a called telephone number DN from the windows

68 [Fig. 3]... to the call control interface 46, via which this message is forwarded.... to the telephone switch 16. The switch 16 checks validity of the telephone numbers and that the subscriber's telephone 10 (calling telephone number CN) is on-hook, and provides a (possibly distinctive) ringing signal to the telephone 10. The subscriber, expecting this ring signal, takes his telephone 10 off-hook, and this is detected by the telephone switch 16 in conventional manner, in response to which the switch 16 sets up the desired telephone connection to the called number DN in the same manner as if the number DN had been dialed by the subscriber at the telephone 10." [Emphasis added]. When the subscriber at the telephone 10 dials a called directory number DN, the telephone switch 16 connects the call to the dialed DN independent of the web facility 22/web server 34 ("normal telephone call").

On one hand, clicking the dial button 75, as described above, may be read as the claimed "plug-in" having the ability to set-up the communication channel. In addition, note the definition of "plug-in" as defined by Harry Newton, Newton's Telecom Dictionary, March 1998, Flatiron Publishing, 14th, page 555. Therefore the button 75 performs the function of the plug-in as defined by Newton.

So the distinction between applicant's device and Wood et al. is manual versus automatic. That is, in Wood et al. one could get the information from the browser and then manually dial the number. The channel set up at this point would be independent of the web server. The examiner believes that such a modification would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art. This is in particularly obvious in view of Col. 3,

lines 58 – 64). Once the user has the number it would be obvious to automatically dial the number independent of the web server in order to use up less resources.

Therefore, Wood et al. teach the claimed limitations except for explicitly teaching predetermined link syntax, automatically dialing based on the predetermined syntax and the communication channel being independent of the plug-in. However, it appears that Giordano, III teaches such (see Abstract and at least Col. 3, lines 20 – 37). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have incorporated such teachings as taught by Giordano, III into the Wood et al. device as nothing more than a design choice.


Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 20 - 21 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bill Deane whose telephone number is (571) 272-7484. In addition, facsimile transmissions should be directed to Bill Deane at facsimile number (703) 273-8300.

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